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a small additional staff for the Hospital. The staff in the Pharmacy is also proposed to be strengthened by the appointment of an Assistant Vaidyan on account of the growing demand for medicine due to larger increase in the number of out-patients which was 52,878 in 1107. Provision has also been made for the payment of stipends to two students, one in the Ayurveda College of the Hindu University, Benares, and the other in the Government School of Indian Medicine, Madras. An allotment of Rs 12,300 has also been provided under "Debt Head-Advances" for the opening of a sales branch of the Ayurveda Pharmacy.

22. *Public Health and Sanitation.*—The Public Health Department was first formed in 1104 and has all along been continued from year to year on a temporary basis. Government now consider that there should not only be a permanent Public Health Department for the State, but also that all public health activities, both urban and rural, curative and preventive, should be co-ordinated and brought under common control. Sound administration would require that there should be one administrative head for all the public health activities of the State. The chief Medical Officer of the State aided by proper assistants should, on the one hand, direct the hospital and curative work and, on the other control the sanitation and public health activities. No doubt, the hospital and curative work will be developed by the medical officers, but it is essential that these activities should be closely correlated to the public health work. Further, the activities of the Sanitary Department of the State are so intimately related to those of the Public Health Department that, for efficiency of administration, the activities of the two departments should be co-ordinated and brought under common control. For the better working of the two departments and in the better interests of public health it is proposed to amalgamate the Sanitary and the Public Health Departments under the control of the Darbar Physician. The re-classification of these budget heads necessitated by the proposed amalgamation has also been given effect to in the draft budget.

23. *Public Health.*—The public health programme for the next year provides for the continuance of all the existing activities of the department, the allotment provided being Rs 1·15 lakhs against the revised estimate of Rs ·68 of a lakh for the current year.

(i) *Public Health Education and Propaganda.*—The Health Educational Officer is continuing his work of popularising the various activities of the Public Health Department by public lectures, cinema shows, and publication of pamphlets. For the next year, it is proposed that he should also work out a Public Health Educational Scheme for the Neyyattinkara Health Unit and, if found useful, extend the programme to the whole State.

(ii) *Hookworm Treatment Campaign.*—A Hookworm survey was conducted by the Public Health Department in all the taluks of the State during the year 1930. The survey disclosed that the rate of

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